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all, Senator.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Advancement? You have amendments?

CLERK: Oh, Senator, you know what, I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Mr. President, we have adopted those. Forgive me. Mr. President, the E & R amendments have been adopted. Senator Bromm had an amendment to the bill that was adopted. The first bill...motion I have this morning on the bill, Senator Chambers, FA91. (Legislative Journal page 942.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers. Members, if we can have your attention, we'll begin today's business. (Gavel)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if I'm correct, I believe this is the amendment that would strike lines 11 through 14?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the purpose of this amendment is to take from Senator Bromm's bill language dealing with this biometric identifiers. I don't see any need to have that kind of language in the bill. To try to bring us up-to-date on what this bill does, and I'll be very general because it's not my bill, it's to let the Department of Motor Vehicles create a digital image of a person rather than a photographic image, which will be on the driver's license. My belief is that the purpose of a driver's license is to be physical evidence of your right to operate a vehicle on the streets and highways of the state without being in violation of the law. The purpose of the photograph, when it was initially put on the license, was not to be sure that you were the one the license information says you are, but to make it possible for merchants to look at this driver's license as a piece of identification. I didn't like that idea, but somebody could argue that there's a rational connection between a photograph on a driver's license and establishing the certitude that the one pictured is the one whose license it is. Merchants